GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department - Allegations of irregularities in execution of the work "Construction of MRL23 – road from Tamirisa to Vennanapudi in Krishna District" – Disciplinary proceedings against Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Orders - Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 77 **Dated: 29-01-2019**

Read the following:

From GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.67 (179-4A(PR)/V&E/E/2016, Dt.25.07.2017.

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ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex parte.

6. Attention of Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S.JAWAHAR REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR&RD)

To
Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. (with a request to serve the charges to the individual and furnish a served copy to Government).

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Annexure-I

List of Article of Charges framed against Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli.

Charge:

That Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli has misused his official position and committed certain irregularities in execution of the work "Construction of MRL23 – road from Tamirisa to Vennanapudi in Krishna District" resulting substandard quality work with deficiencies.

By his above mentioned act, Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli, failed to discharge his duties, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (PR&RD)

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Annexure-II

Statement of imputations of misconduct in support of Charge framed against Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli

Basis:-

GA (V&E) Department, in Vigilance Report No.67 (179-4A(PR)/V&E/E/2016, reported that their officials verified the work "Construction of MRL23 – road from Tamirisa to Vennanapudi in Krishna District" taken up by Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Vijayawada, Panchayat Raj Department, in the presence of field PR engineers and the following irregularities were observed by V&E Department during their inspection.

i) When the samples of BT MSS, WMM were collected in KM 2, KM 3, KM 6 and were tested for bitumen content in BT MSS and gradation for WMM in the laboratory of R&B Quality Control, Vijayawada in the presence of field engineers of PR department and V&E Officials, over / under size of the aggregate in KM 2/750. KM 3/150, KM 3/650, KM 6/350, and KM 6/950 was found in gradation of WMM samples. The details of deficiencies in gradation of WMM samples and recoveries are as follows:

Chainage in KM	2/750	3/150	3/650	6/350	6/950
Deficiency	3.77% of Over Size	1.66% of Over Size	1.20% of Over Size	1.18% of Over Size	1.82% of Over Size
The amount of Recovery to be proposed in Rs.	394	174	156	124	190
The deficiencies are in allowable limits and the total amount of Rs 1038/- is proposed to be recovered from contract agency towards recovery for deficiencies in gradation of aggregate in WMM samples.					

ii) As verified from the lab results, the bitumen content of MSS was observed as 20.02Kg/10sqm in KM 2, 27.51 Kg/10sqm in Km 3, 35.43Kg/10Sqm, in KM 6 as against the specified 23.75 Kg/10 Sqm. The deficiency of 15.71% was observed in bitumen content of MSS layer in KM 2 and considering maximum of 8% loss of bitumen, as the period elapsed is one year, the deficiency was worked out to 7.71% in KM2 and is in allowable limit with recovery at double rates. The value of deficiency in bitumen content of MSS layer in KM 2 was worked out and arrived at an amount of Rs.83,078/-.

iii) The average equivalent cube compressive strength of CC cores extracted from the slab panel for slab culvert @ KM 2/886 was arrived at 16.36 N/mm^2 as against the minimum allowable strength of 21.25 N/mm^2, which is not satisfying M25 Grade of concrete and satisfying only M15 grade of concrete and is liable for rejection and re-laying at the cost of contract agency. The rejected value of this component is Rs.36,842/-.

Thus, the Charged Officer has executed the work "Construction of MRL23 – road from Tamirisa to Vennanapudi in Krishna District" with substandard quality with deficiencies as mentioned above.

By his above mentioned act, Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli, failed to discharge his duties, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant & thereby contravened Rules, 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Annexure-III

Statement of documents on which Article of Charges framed against Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli are proposed to be sustained

Vigilance Report No.67 (179-4A(PR)/V&E/E/2016) of GA (V&E) Department, Dt.25.07.2017.

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Annexure-IV

Statement of witness on whom Article of Charges framed against Sri V.Suri Babu, the then Assistant Engineer, PIU Sub-Division, Mandavalli are proposed to be sustained.

NIL

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